

The Conning Tower

Horace's Prayer Before Entering War.

Horace: Book I, Ode 35.

AE FORTUNAM

"O diva, gratum quae regis Antium—"

O goddess ruling Antium the fair,
With power to raise the lowliest on high,
To say if men shall triumph or shall die,
To thee the peasant offers up a prayer.

Whoever braves the wild Carpathian Sea;
The Dacian wild; the Scythian wandering;
Tyrant, and mother of the savage king—
All towns, all tribes do make their prayer to thee.

To thee they pray, lest in a wanton hour,
Thou overturn the column of the State,
And lest the people, grown infatiate,
Arouse to war, and wreck the regnant power.

Before thee walks the goddess, grim of Need,
With ammunition in her metal hand.
Vanish the perfumed and the traitor band—
Too treacherous they to help us or to heed!

O save our Caesar, soon to sail away
Against the Britons, farthest of the earth!
Grant that our new young soldiers be of worth
To terrify our Eastern foes! we pray!

Alas for our long heritage of woes!
Of crimes what is there we have ever spurned?
Resharpen thou our swords! Let them be turned
Against the Arabs and our other foes!

Italy joins the Simple Declaratives.

Fearing that the Panama Canal may lead to trouble between America and the other great nations, the effete monarchies are now building microscopes so that they can see the United States Navy when it attacks them."

Still, perhaps there has not been sufficient warning. The preceding paragraph, for example, is taken from the 1881 files of the Philadelphia News.

THE DIARY OF OUR OWN SAMUEL PEPPS

May 22—Rain all the day, so in the afternoon to the playhouse and heard "The Mikado," as well done as ever I heard it, in especial Mr. Hopper, whose playing of Gilbert's pieces seemeth to improve each week; and Mistress Natalie Alt hath a pleasant manner and enticing. To Mistress Margery's for dinner; and we did have some French claret and a new drink the blackamoor butler Robert did term, a jumping jack-rabbit, a puissant brew; and I did have three glasses; and grew almost garrulous.

23—Up, and to Williams Bridge; and there C. Stewart did beat me at tennis; but I had no trouble to trounce S. Martin. To the office, where all the evening, and so home and to bed.

24—Read this morning some poems of Arthur Quiller-Couch's, very droll, and wrote with much skill, too. All day at the office, and in the evening to a dinner for Will Taylor, the pamphleteer, a surprise-party from his friends that do love him, as I do, for one, he having accepted the first piece ever I sent to a magazine. Italy hath gone to war and Heaven knoweth what the end of it all may be.

If you are a reader of the St. Francis Chronicle, a parish paper of Rutherfordton, N. C., you may have noticed an appeal in behalf of a somewhat frail, 14 year old orphan boy who is unable to earn quite enough to pay his board-bill of \$8.50 a month, although he works in the mill from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. "What does he do all day?" asks H. W. R. "Probably sleeps and loafes." And it doubtless breaks the mill-owner's heart to read of the slaughter in Galicia.

ONLY PRETTY FAIR.

Sir: Mr. Harry Taylor would like to know if it would be fair to call a bookkeeper with the measles a spotted adder.

GEORGE S. PETTIT.

In the eleventh—with two of the Ashlands out, via Ping Schneider's rifle arm, .45—Hickey the Nut blew .45 without reservation. Two bases on balls, four clean hits in succession, an error by the exasperated Schneider instead of a double play. From "The Girl Who Owned a Ball Nine," by Robert Emmet MacAlarney in the June Ainslee's.

If we ever meet Mr. MacAlarney we intend to ask him why Schneider tried a double play when two of the Ashlands were out.

TO AGNES REPLIER.

Agnes, you're about the smartest
Of the clan with weighty themes;
Your remarks are quite the tarest,
And they rouse us from our dreams.

You are startlingly incisive,
And your flashing paragraphs
With their arguments derisive
Mingle logic with the laughs.

You are simply suicidal
When you pan the suffrage cause,
Is an intellect so tidal
Too inert to make the laws?

EARNEST GUY.

Song by Russia Great Britain and France, to Italy:
"We're Triple Entente To-night on the Old Camp
Ground."

Lactic candor: "Buy our milk and insure your family."

ILLUSTRATIONS BY MAXIMILIAN FOSTER'S TYPEWRITER.

Tell me not in mournful 1234567890,

\$ \$ \$ \$ \$

"Life is but an empty \$ \$ \$ \$ \$

For the soul is dead that (—) — (—)

And things are not what they (—) — (—)

We know what we'd name a submarine we had to ride on.

Thanks for asking, beloved.

The C.G.

BACON-NORMAN WEDDING JUNE 5

Ceremony Will Take Place
in St. Peter's Church,
Beverly, Mass.

TOWNSEND NUPTIALS HERE ON JUNE 4

Miss Ruth Church, of Great Barrington, Mass., Engaged to
Delano de Windt.

Miss Hope Norman, who is to marry Elliot C. Bacon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bacon, on June 5, will have for her attendants Miss Ruth Gaston, Miss Phyllis Sears, Miss Jane Rountree, Miss Margaret Perrin, Miss Olivia Ames and Miss Elaine Denison. Mr. Bacon will have his brother, Robert L. Bacon, for his best man and W. F. Morgan, P. G. Bacon, Roger Amory, George Peabody Gardner, Jr., T. S. Blumer, Gilbert Miller, S. Sergeant, Frederick Foster, J. E. Thayer, Jr., and John Chapin for ushers. The ceremony will be performed at noon in St. Peter's Church, Beverly, Mass.

Miss Eleanor Rodman Townsend will be married to Horace Green on June 4 in Calvary Church. The ceremony will be followed by a reception at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. James Edmund Townsend, 117 East Fifty-seventh Street.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. C. Church of Great Barrington, Mass., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ruth Church, to Delano de Windt, of Winnetka, Ill., a junior in Williams College. The announcement was made at a birthday party given for Miss Mary L. Church, a younger sister. The wedding will take place in the fall. Miss Church was introduced to society at dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Church at the Ryantene Country Club, Great Barrington, last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Colgate Hoyt will go to California early next month, to remain until the end of July. On their return they will occupy Eastover Farm, their place at Oyster Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Newbold Hay have taken possession of their cottage at Southampton, Long Island, for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Gerry have gone to Lake Delaware, N. Y., for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Grafton Pyne have gone to Bernardville, N. J., for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Fish Benjamin are the guests of Mrs. William B. Bacon in Lenox.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jay Schieffelin will go to Asheville, Me., on Friday for the summer.

Miss Josephine A. Osborn, daughter of Professor and Mrs. Henry Dearborn Osborn, will return from the Adirondacks on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Crawford Clark have returned from White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., and are at the Plaza for a few days before going to their country place, Block House Farm, Essex, N. Y.

LOW BROWS WIN SING SING ELECTIONS

Hope "Justice" Willet Will Lose
Office and "Mayor" Conolly
Be Committee's Choice.

The "high brows" will not be abashed to show their power until the new legislature elects an executive committee on July 29. This executive committee will then elect the Sing Sing mayor.

Prison politicians intended yesterday's elections to mean that Mayor Conolly, in his power, who was appointed to office when Mayor Cummings resigned, will be re-elected at the end of next July. Cummings and John A. Quale were transferred to Rodeheaver a week ago at their own request.

William Willet, Jr., took charge of the "high brows" and to the Baptist minister general at the Madison Avenue Baptist Church. It was announced that the conference had officially declared it wished Sunday to come to New York as soon as possible. The Rev. Oscar Haywood, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, cast the only vote against Sunday.

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The Messrs. Shubert announce that the engagement of Lou Tellegen in "Taking Chances" will terminate at the Thirty-ninth Street Theatre on Saturday night, June 5, for the summer, and in the autumn will make a transcontinental tour of the country, opening in Boston the first week of September. The new play is in a prologue, epilogue and three acts, and was written by Arthur M. Dix, the author of "The Road to Yesterday" and other plays. It had its premiere at Powers Theatre, in Chicago, on the same night. "The Peasant Girl" will close at the Forty-fourth Street Theatre, to be followed by Lew Fields in the new revue "Hands Up," with Maurice and Walton.

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